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damaged due to natural calamities, labour problem and their non-acceptance by the State Governments. Such foodgrains are categorized as Feed I, Feed II, Feed III, fit for industrial use/manure etc. There is a set procedure for disposal of various categories of foodgrains, unfit for human consumption, to the licensed dealers registered with FCI to ensure that these stocks are utilized appropriately.

In pursuance of the above said recommendation, it has been decided that the stocks meant for dumping are first offered to the State Government, and in case no response is received within 10 days, the same are arranged to be dumped either in the premises of FCI or even outside the municipal limits at the expense of FCI through a Committee appointed for the purpose.

(c) Whenever it is found that the stocks were damaged due to negligence on the part of certain officers/officials, suitable action is taken against them as per rules and regulations of FCI.

Sale of Wheat and Paddy to the Traders

**137. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:**

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat and paddy Government had sold to the traders during the year 2000; and

(b) what were the prices at which these were sold?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHIRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) 30.42 lakh M.Ts. wheat and 0.35 lakh M.Ts. of paddy have been sold by FCI under open/tender sale during 2000.

(b) The Prices details of sale are given below:

Commodity	Rate per Quintal (In Rupees)			
	1.1.2000 to 31.3.2000	1.4.2000 to 10.7.2000	11.7.2000 to 31.7.2000	9/11.8.2000 to onwards
Wheat				
(Open Market Sale Scheme Domestic)				
North Zone	688/-	900/-	700/-*	650/-
South Zone	705/-	900/-		743/-
West Zone	697/-	900/-		724/-@
East/N.E. Zone	699/-	900/-		736/-

NOTE: (*) Only for Punjab region

@ Rs. 650/- for Madhya Pradesh including Chhattisgarh State.

C&D category &

Lustre loss wheat: Rs. 50/- less than the cost of wheat under OMSS(D) zone-wise.

Canadian Red wheat: Rs. 641/- to Rs. 700/- per qtl.

Paddy: The stocks have been liquidated at Rs. 401/- to Rs. 590/- per qtl. varying from region to region and lot to lot.

Savings due to increase in prices under PDS

138. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount proposed to be saved by Government by increasing the prices both of BPL and APL categories under PDS;

(b) the actual savings till 1st January, 2001 on this account; and

(c) the additional amount spent by Government due to excess stocks during the period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) to (c) The quantum of food